

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Amendments to the Claims**

With this response, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 3 and claims 2, and 4-7 are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant has added new claims 8-11.

### **II. 37 USC 102(b)**

In light of the amendments requiring that amended claim 1 and its dependent claims further comprise a skin softener the subject matter of these claims is further distinguished from the disclosures of Duke and Harborne.

### **III 35 USC 103(a)**

All the composition claims now recite that the amended composition is “for promoting synthesis of collagen ...”. There is no disclosure or suggestion in any of the cited art of this use. There is absent any disclosure in any of the cited art concerning collagen.

Likewise new independent method claim 6 is directed to “A method for promoting synthesis of collagen ... etc”.

In summary the present invention as claimed is directed to novel and unobvious uses and methods of the compound recited in existing claims 1 and 6 (prangenidin) to promote synthesis of collagen. None of the citations teach or suggest such a use of this compound. Therefore we respectfully submit that the present invention should be deemed patentable over the citations.

### **IV Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully contends that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. All amendments herein are made without prejudice. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue. All amendments made are for the purpose of clarifying

inventive aspects of the technology described. All amendments are supported by the application as filed.

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